

Prince Abdullah declares

Plan sums up Arab, U.N. decisions

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, has reiterated that the Saudi Arabian peace plan is a complete summary of all U.N. and Arab summit resolutions.

In an interview published Wednesday in the London-based *Al-Arab* newspaper and the local *Al-Jazirah* daily, Prince Abdullah said that Arab solidarity constitutes the main pivot of the Kingdom's policy, especially as the Arabs are in complete agreement on the strategic objectives. He emphasized that marginal differences should not eclipse the Arab vision of their essential issues on which they unanimously agree, and also that the Arabs should not allow their rifts to drain out their energies.

After the Arab rejection of the Camp David accords, the prince said, Arabs should not have felt contented with that, but should have striven to disallow Israel from pursuing its policy. With this in view, the Kingdom put

forward a plan that combined the international consensus and the Arab right, with a full sense of historic responsibility toward future generations, he added.

Prince Abdullah said that the Saudi Arabian initiative has now become a purely Arab plan, having been well received by the Secretariat General of the Arab League. On the whole, the plan is open to amendment, change, or even abrogation, "but the important thing is that we should not remain inert in a moving world and should not allow our basic issues to be played about like cards by the major powers from the East or the West," he added.

On the nature of relations between Saudi Arabia and Libya, Prince Abdullah said the Kingdom considers the Libyan people as Arabs and Muslims, a power for Arabs and Muslims and a basic partner in building the present and determining the features of the future.

Referring to the American Middle East

MWL denounces Golan annexation

MAKKAH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, Muslim World League secretary general, Wednesday denounced the decision of the Israeli parliament (Knesset) to annex Golan to the occupied territories.

After the Zionist declaration to make Jerusalem the perpetual capital of Israel, Harakan said this new action constitutes the height of challenge to the Islamic nation and all international norms and principles and also to the historic rights of the Palestinian people. He reiterated that the Golan will remain a part of Syria, and its status cannot be altered by the Israeli Knesset's resolution.

Major surgeries performed here

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — The new General Hospital has carried out 119 cardiographic tests, 41 open heart surgeries and four operations for the regulation of heart beats during the past five months, it was stated here Wednesday.

Dr. Hassan Raffeh, head of the heart surgery department, stated that, since the opening of the department, 95 heart operations have been successfully performed. Of these, 81 were open heart surgeries and the remaining 14 normal surgeries. He said that the department is equipped with sophisticated instruments. The equipping of the cardiographic center alone has cost SR6.5 million, he added.

policy, he said there is, of course, some unrest in the American public opinion owing to the Zionist lobby's excessive exercise of its influence in determining and guiding the American foreign policy. He urged the Arabs to benefit from the opportunity provided by Israeli Premier Menahem Begin's intransigence, which has opened for them many outlets toward the American public opinion and, hence, the U.S. administration. He said the opportunity ought to be exploited to widen the American knowledge of the fairest of the Arab issue and also to enlighten them on their special interests in the Arab world.

Prince Abdullah described Israel's violation of the Kingdom's air space as a "reflection of Israel's aggressive mentality represented by Mehabem Begin." He said the Israelis have lived against the laws of history and society, and have not only usurped the Arab land but have gone further to keep the Arabs in a state of panic and concern. They murdered some Arab scholars and destroyed the nuclear reactor in Iraq. They have recently protested to the U.S. for supplying the Arabs some spare parts for the Arab satellite, the prince said. He added that the Israelis now concentrate their efforts in the West, in order to close the door for Arab students aspiring to specialize in applied sciences and technology.

On the Iraq-Iran war, Prince Abdullah said it was an "Islamic tragedy unparalleled in contemporary history." He urged Muslims to strive to put an end to this war as early as possible, and appealed to both Iraq and Iran to resort to divine injunctions and to respond favorably to the Islamic efforts being exerted to end the war in which neither will be victor or vanquished.

The prince expressed regret on the Iranian revolution's drift from its course and said that the Kingdom was the first country to welcome this revolution and had, in fact, pinned great hopes on it to remove the burdens and join the Islamic fold. He said "we have been surprised by Iran's new constitution which concentrates sectarianism, as well as by its tyrannical attacks, bloody acts and irresponsible activities in our Arab world."

Answering a question on laying down an advisory (Sbura) system, Prince Abdullah said "we are in the process of completing the project soon. As regards the system (of government), it will be based on our perpetual constitution, which is the Holy Quran," he added.

Society elects board under Abdul Majeed

TABUK, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Tabuk's multi-purpose agricultural cooperative society held a meeting here Wednesday under Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majeed, the society's chairman.

The participating members were briefed on the activities of the provisional board of directors. Later, a new board of directors was elected. Prince Abdul Majeed was elected board chairman; Madani Muhammad Amin, finance director, as deputy chairman; Abdul Aziz Al-Farshoud, director of Agriculture Ministry's branch office, as secretary, and Saleh Abdul Hamid, director of claims, as treasurer.

The members discussed the society's work progress, the availability of fertilizers and seeds, the setting up of nurseries, besides a number of other activities undertaken by the society.

In another development, Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh met with Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz, assistant secretary general for Gulf Cooperation Council,

in Riyadh Wednesday. They discussed topics to be dealt with at the meeting of the agriculture ministers of the Gulf and Arab Peninsula states, which is scheduled to be held in Bahrain early in March. They also explored the possibility of the GCC general secretariat's participation in the meeting. The two sides further discussed ways and means of coordinating the agrarian policy and food self-sufficiency in the GCC states.

Ports president to visit Tunisia

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — The President of Saudi Ports Authority Dr. Fayez Badr will visit Tunisia Monday for talks with senior ports officials about promoting cooperation between the two countries, it was announced here Wednesday.

Badr will brief the officials about the development and maintenance of Saudi Arabian ports and the experience that has been gained during the last few years. He will also seek trained Tunisian manpower to serve in the various ports of the Kingdom.

Kingdom to maintain pipeline for supplying Jordan with oil

AMMAN, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has no intention to stop the Tapline and is exerting pressure on American companies that own it to maintain it for supplying Jordan with its oil needs, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, said here Tuesday.

In a lecture at the Jordanian University on "The future of energy in the Arab world and its effect on Arab and international policies," the minister said that Saudi Arabia owns the largest oil reserves and that chances are great for new oil discoveries that would double these reserves.

Yamani said that petroleum is the mainstay of the Arab world. It also is the backbone of world economy, in general, and Arab economy, in particular. He added that, owing to their huge reserves, Arab countries can produce oil for a very long time to come — until the middle of the next century. "This shows us that Arab economy can remain

strong and maintain its role in world economy," he said. Arab efforts must be combined to use their oil-related riches in developing their intrinsic power, he added.

"Oil will remain the prime mover of modern civilization in our contemporary world," Yamani said. "Modern technology must be used to accelerate the pace of Arab development, besides a total Arab integration that would impose itself on the world and constitute a powerful economic base and a solid ground for the Arab world to deal with and influence present-day economic events," he added.

Later in the evening, Ahmad Al-Louzi, head of the Jordanian Royal Cabinet, hosted a dinner in honor of Yamani and Bahrain's Education Minister Sheikh Yusuf Al-Shirawi. Yamani and Shirawi arrived here to attend the two-day session of the Board of Trustees of the Jordanian University which began Tuesday.

Presented by Municipality

Seminar debates city plans

By Maher Abbass
Arab New Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — Jeddah Municipality has submitted eight scientific research papers to the Coastal Areas Exploitation and Administration seminar organized by King Abdul Aziz University's Marine Sciences College, officials said Wednesday.

The papers, dealing with various aspects of the city, were discussed at the symposium Tuesday, the officials said. One of them was presented by Dr. Barakat Bajnaid, deputy mayor, which dealt with the city's planning and development schemes undertaken during the past 20 years.

Seven other senior officials of the municipality also spoke on specifications for planning and determination of industrial and commercial areas; monuments and sculptures for the beautification of the city without contravening the Islamic principles; modern methods for disposing of garbage; reforestation and environmental improvement plans; urban expansion and beach development; the level of subterranean water and boosting the sources of fresh water for the city which consumes 88 million gallons per day. The municipality also presented a number

of recommendations on the importance of joint research between the planning and executive authorities, and training of personnel in charge of environmental protection in coastal areas.

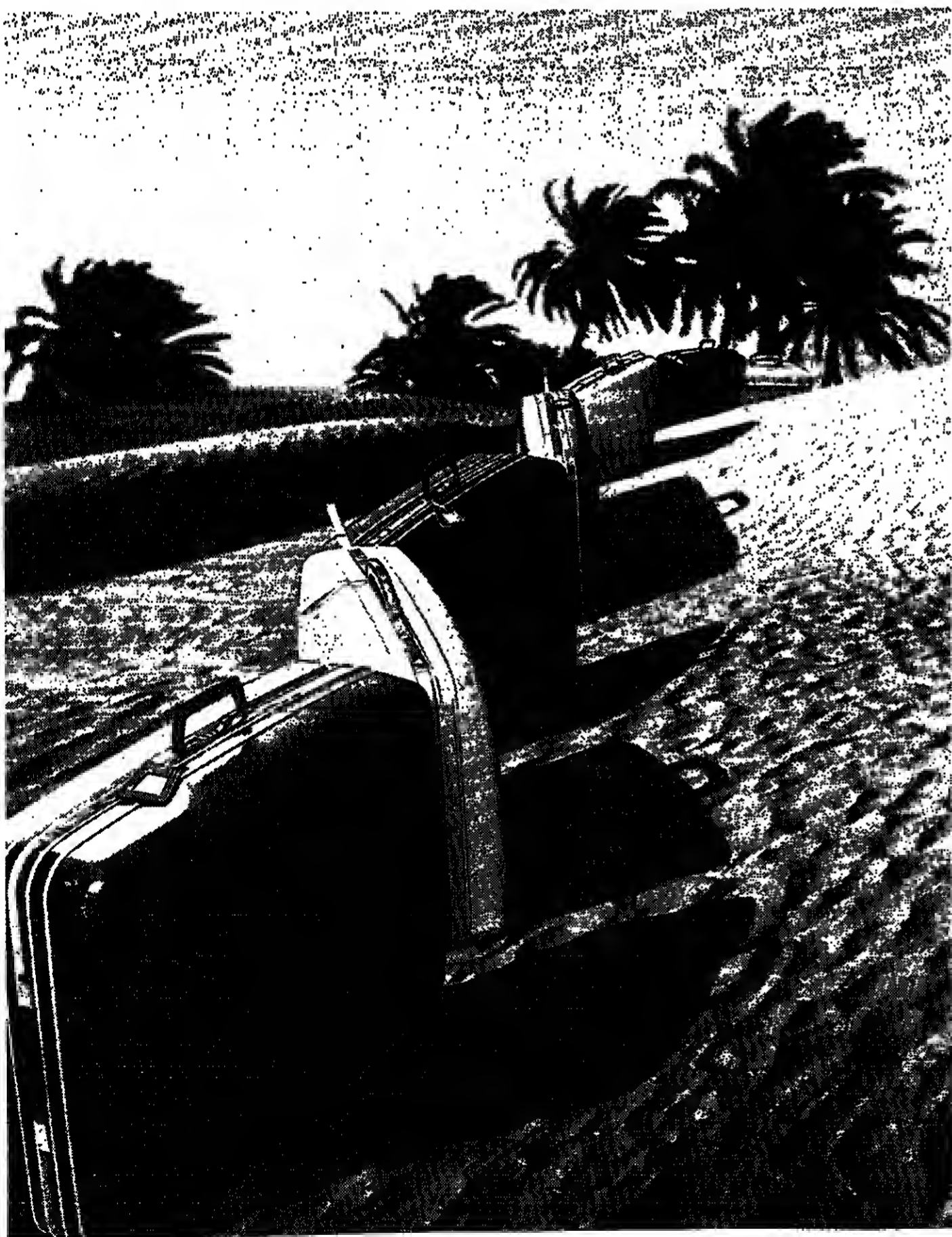
In a separate development, Dr. Mustapha Fahni, director of the central reforestation department of the municipality, told *Arab News* that Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi will meet with Western Region Education Director General Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid Sunday to discuss preparations for the third tree-planting week for the city. The meeting will be attended by the director of schools.

Food, transportation and saplings will be supplied by 95 companies which will take part in the week. Five hospitals in Jeddah also will provide assistance through first aid services on the work sites and their clinics. The Saudi Arabian Red Crescent Society also will join the reforestation drive.

The reforestation week, planned for the end of this month, will be carried out by nearly 10,000 students from 91 schools in the city. A total of 86,000 saplings will be planted, the largest in the city's history. Makka Governor Prince Majeed is expected to dedicate the event.

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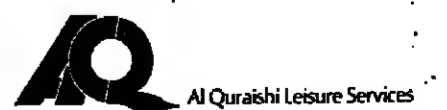
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Iraq will end war if Iran recognizes borders, Saddam says

BEIRUT, Dec. 16 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has said his country would end the Gulf war immediately if Iran recognized Iraq's "international borders".

As fierce fighting between the two armies on the mountainous northern sector of the battle-front entered its sixth day, the official Iraq News Agency (INA) quoted the president Tuesday as saying that "at any time Iranian officials are able to take a decision to stop the war and recognize Iraq's international borders, agreed in international treaties accepted by the two sides, Iraq will consent to end the war immediately."

He was speaking at a conference of labor ministers from the Nonaligned Movement. Iraq has demanded that Iran concede complete Iraqi sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab waterway between the two countries and return disputed border areas. But Iran has refused to negotiate until all Iraqi troops pull back from the strips of Iranian territory they occupied during the first days of the war, which began in September last year. President Hussein announced his desire for peace only three days after another Iraqi leader stressed his country's readiness to end the war, which has cost both sides billions of dollars and forced major cutbacks in their oil exports.

Last Saturday, Izzat Ibrahim, vice-

chairman of Baghdad's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, said Iraq was ready for a settlement "that will guarantee the sovereignty and legitimate rights of all and noninterference in the internal affairs of others".

A sign of the vast cost of the war came Tuesday from Kuwait, where parliamentary sources said the national assembly had approved a \$2 billion loan to Iraq. This brought Kuwaiti loans to Iraq since the outbreak of war to \$6 billion.

Iraq and Iran have reported heavy fighting in the Gilan-e-Gharb and Sumar areas of the battlefield since last Friday, when Tehran radio announced the Iranians' fifth major counter-offensive this year.

Iraq denied Iranian claims that Iraqi forces had been driven out of long-held positions in the rugged mountains but spoke of facing a large-scale attack.

Monday Iraq reported an air raid on its southern port of Basra, a sprawling riverside city only a few kms from some of the fiercest fighting in the war. Tehran radio said Iranian planes had hit a major Iraqi oil refinery but Baghdad mentioned only civilian casualties.

The first two Iranian counter-offensives, in January and September around the town of Susangerd in the Iranian oil province of Khuzestan, appeared to end in stalemate. But at the end of September, Iranian troops lifted the siege of the oil refining city of Abadan when Iraqi forces withdrew to the west of the Karun River.

America helps in upgrading Turkey airports

ANKARA, Dec. 16 (R) — The United States is helping Turkey modernize poorly-equipped military airports to improve NATO's overall aerial efficiency, NATO diplomats have said.

They said work was going on, helped by NATO funds, to upgrade outdated communications equipment and other facilities, including runways, so that the airports could handle the alliance's most sophisticated aircraft. The diplomats could give no figures for the cost of the program, which was being carried out over a period of years.

The Reagan administration has shown special concern for Turkey, whose military commanders complain of acute shortages of planes, missiles, communications hardware and other equipment.



RUN FOR COVER: Two Iraqis run for cover, as Iraqi aircraft strafe the area surrounding a pontoon bridge across the Bostan River, some five kms inside Iran recently. Iranian forces have recaptured the town of Bostan and seized the bridge.

South Yemen president visits Djibouti

DJIBOUTI, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad arrived in Djibouti Wednesday on an official visit.

The trip by Muhammad and his delegation is intended to strengthen bilateral relations with the tiny African nation which lies opposite South Yemen along the Bab Al-Mandeb Straits at the southern end of the Red Sea, according to an announcement.

"Chairman Ali's visit comes at a time when the area is facing dangerous situations due to inauspicious American movements which pose a direct threat to the people of the area," South Yemen's government said in a statement reporting Muhammad's departure.

The United States recently conducted "Bright Star 81" Middle East military maneuvers which included an operation in Somalia, Djibouti's southeastern neighbor, were strongly criticized by South Yemen. On Tuesday the Adeni government announced it had staged its own air, land and sea exercises with live ammunition at undisclosed sites.

South Yemen, with a population of about two million has an estimated 22,000 troops, a navy of about 1,000 men and an air force of 1,300 with about 120 combat aircraft, according to the London International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Last Aug. 19 South Yemen, Libya and Ethiopia signed a mutual defense and economic cooperation treaty aimed at confronting what the pact described as "international imperialism and Zionism" in the Horn of Africa region.

This is Muhammad's first trip to Djibouti, which is surrounded on three sides by Ethiopia. Djibouti's president, Hassan Gouled, visited South Yemen last April.

Palestinian students in U.S. protest Abu Ain's extradition

By Catherine Raia
Washington Bureau

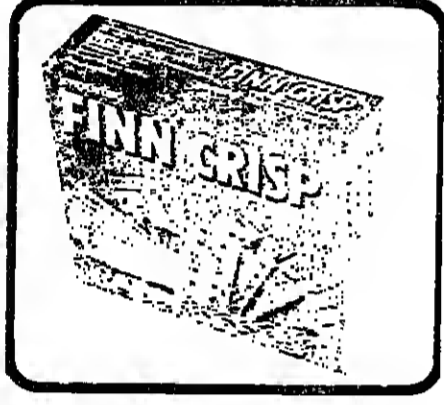
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 — Palestinian students in the Washington, D.C. area are outraged by the recent State Department decision to extradite Palestinian struggler Ziad Abu Ain to Israel where he will face murder charges. A group of 30 students Tuesday conducted a sit-in to protest this decision and to ask the Arab governments to obtain the release of Abu Ain.

The students condemned the Arab governments and the Arab ambassadors in the United States for "not pressuring" the State Department. They also accused the Arab

ambassadors of having "previous knowledge of the decision to extradite Abu Ain."

The students called upon the Arab governments to cut off diplomatic and economic relations with the United States in order to obtain Abu Ain's release. An Arab American involved in Abu Ain's ordeal told Arab News that Abu Ain's release would best come about through the insurance that he has a fair trial in Israel which should be closely observed by a U.S. observer. A U.S. observer is technically allowed in the Israeli court during Abu Ain's trial in Israel because of the U.S. role in the extradition.

A spokesman at the Arab League did not comment on the demonstration.



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Iraq blames Iran and Syria

Embassy blast toll rises to 30

BEIRUT, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — The death toll in a bomb explosion at the Iraqi Embassy in Beirut rose to 30 Wednesday after rescue workers said they had recovered 22 bodies and located eight more in the rubble.

About 95 people were injured when the huge blast wrecked the six-story building Tuesday. Sources in the pro-Iraqi Baath Party said they were losing hope that Ambassador Abdul-Razzak Muhammad Lafta would be found alive.

Security sources said the rescuers planned

to bring in soldiers and a crane from Beirut port to speed up their search through the tangled wreckage.

In the meantime, the Iraqi opposition Al Dawa Party Wednesday claimed responsibility for the explosion.

In a telephone call to Agence France-Press bureau here, an Al Dawa Party spokesman said that one of its members carried out the attack and was killed in the blast. The spokesman said the attack was made on the fifth anniversary of the expulsion of opponents by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Iraq accused Iranian and Syrian agents of responsibility and vowed revenge, but there were conflicting accounts of how the attack was carried out. The Iraqis said a car packed with explosives had forced its way into the embassy compound and blown up. But Lebanese security sources said bombs had been placed around pillars supporting the reinforced concrete building.

The Iraqi government newspaper *Al-Jumhuriyya* said the attack pointed to collaboration between Iran and Syria, and warned: "These crimes will not pass without punishment."

"The act is cowardly and mean and constitutes an escalation of aggression against the sovereignty of our country," the daily said in an editorial.

A police spokesman who declined to be named in compliance with Lebanese government regulations said rescuers at the sealed-off neighborhood reported at mid-morning Wednesday they were still hearing screams and faint cries for help from beneath the crumbled building as they strove to locate the buried victims.

Iraq has been at war with Iran for more than a year and is at loggerheads with Syria over chronic political and ideological disputes.

The explosion coincided with renewed heavy fighting in the Gulf war as Iran launched its fifth major counter-offensive this year.

It also came after two weeks of increasing violence in Lebanon, with gunbattles and explosions in the capital and a car bomb in the northern port of Tripoli that killed 14 persons and wounded about 75.

In the latest incident, security sources said bomb disposal experts had defused four rockets found Wednesday in a car parked on waste ground in west Beirut.

To liquidate opponents

Khomeini sending hit teams to Europe, M.E., Khalq says

BEIRUT, Dec. 16 (AP) — The leader of the Mujahedeen Khalq, an Iranian guerrilla group, charged Wednesday that Ayatollah Khomeini was dispatching hit teams to liquidate opponents in Europe and the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Khomeini claimed the United States blessed Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights. The revolutionary leader called for a pan-Islamic uprising "because international organizations cannot do anything," the state-run radio reported in a broadcast monitored here.

In a telephone call to the Associated Press office in Beirut, a spokesman for the Paris office of Mujahedeen leader Massoud Rajavi claimed a bomb which exploded in London Monday was intended for use against Mujahedeen supporters. Two men carrying the bomb were killed.

"In an effort toward the so-called court of his revolution, Khomeini terrorist have

placed in danger the lives of many Iranians and other nationals," said the spokesman, who declined to be identified.

"This type of adventure-seeking has been seen from London to Beirut to Paris," said the statement which failed to specify what sorts of terrorist activities the alleged teams were engaged in Lebanon or Paris.

The spokesman claimed "dozens of these Khomeini armed club-wielders" recently arrived in Paris, without saying whether they had come from Iran or other parts of Europe. France has become a center for Iranian exiles since the triumph of the 1979 revolution which toppled the Iranian monarchy. Former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Rajavi fled to Paris on July 29.

The Mujahedeen Khalq organization is the largest and most powerful of all opposition groups threatening the nearly three-year-old regime of Khomeini.

French minister, Moi discuss Africa

NAIROBI, Dec. 16 (R) — French Cooperation and Development Minister Jean-Pierre Cot discussed Chad, Namibia (South-West Africa) and the Western Sahara dispute Wednesday with Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, officials said.

President Moi is current chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) which is sending a peacekeeping force to Chad and which has called for a referendum on the

Western Sahara, where Polisario guerrillas are fighting Moroccan control.

Speaking to journalists Tuesday night, Cot praised the OAU for organizing the peace force, which is to fill the vacuum created by the departure of Libyan troops.

Cot was due to leave Nairobi Wednesday for Zimbabwe on his way to Mozambique where he will sign a cooperation agreement with the Maputo government.

General strike ends in Gaza Strip

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (AFP) — "A two-week long general strike in the Gaza Strip, occupied by Israel since 1967, ended Wednesday when community leaders published a statement calling on the population to resume work "keeping in mind its interests."

Gaza's Mayor Rashad al Sabawa said that the Israeli governor in Gaza, Yossef Luntz,

assured him that he would halt actions taken against the strikers. He added that the Israelis had promised to lift a value-added tax that had sparked the strike which then took on a political tone.

Most of Gaza city's stores had already opened Saturday under pressure from the occupying army.

BRIEFS

AMMAN, (AP) — Egyptian citizens will no longer be required to obtain residence permits in order to live and work in Jordan, Interior Minister Sulhman Arrab announced Wednesday. However, they still must obtain work permits, he added. About 100,000 Egyptians now work in Jordan.

MOSCOW, (AP) — Afghan Leader Babrak Karmal departed Moscow Wednesday after presenting Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev with the highest Afghan order, Tass reported. Karmal was seen off at the airport by Babken Sackisov, the vice president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet news agency said.

ANTWERP, Belgium, (R) — A Belgian court has sentenced a young Palestinian to life imprisonment for a grenade attack on a group of Jewish children last year in which one was killed and 16 wounded. The court heard that Al-Said Nasser, 25, threw two hand grenades at the children in July, 1980, as they were boarding a bus to go on holiday, killing 15-year-old David Kahan.

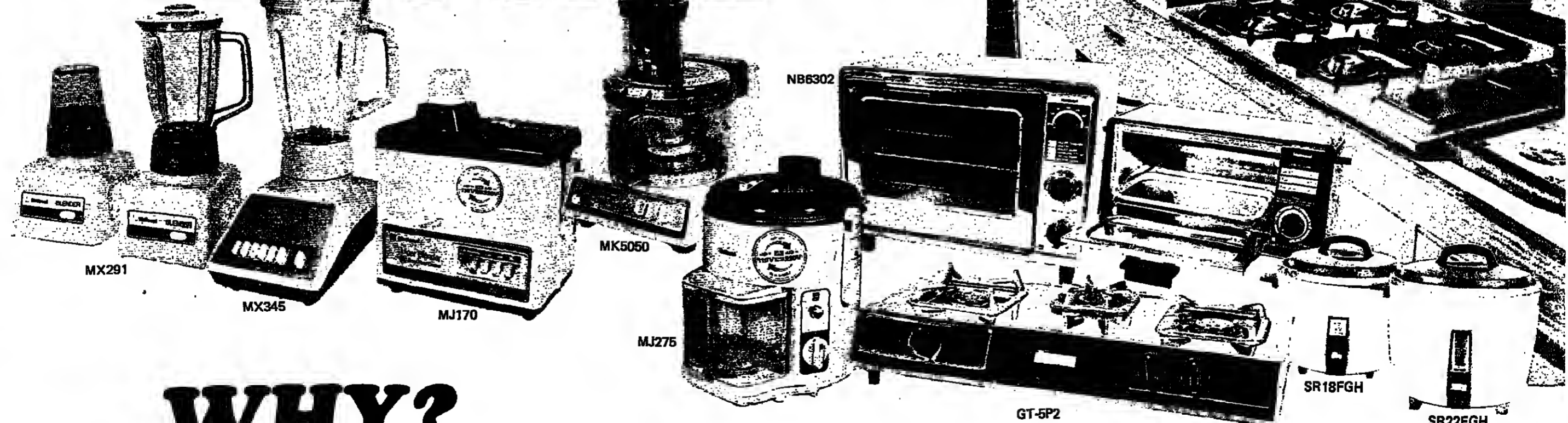


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Mahathir announces new policy

Malaysia to emulate Japanese work ethic

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Dec. 16 (AP) — Malaysia will continue to de-emphasize relations with Britain, its former colonial master, while attempting to emulate the work ethic of Japanese and South Koreans, Prime Minister Datuk Sri Mahathir Mohamad said.

Mahathir met with 45 Malaysian diplomats who head Malaysian diplomatic missions abroad, and announced after the extraordinary session that Malaysia will emphasize a foreign policy which seeks closer relations with Japan and South Korea — two nations he said he admires for their hard work.

Since Malaysia obtained independence from Britain in 1957 it has given England a preferential position in its relations with foreign nations. But Mahathir, who became prime minister in July, reversed that policy two months ago when he required his office

give special approval to all government tenders awarded for British services and goods.

Malaysian officials said the change was in retaliation for Britain's decision to hike fees for the 20,000 Malaysian students studying in Britain, and for the other British actions — including rules on the British stock exchange — which Malaysia saw as being anti-Malaysia.

British businessmen working in Malaysia Monday gave 1.5 million ringits (\$0.67 million) to the government administered trust fund aimed at helping these students. Mahathir received the money presented by the British Malaysian Trade Association.

British businessmen were criticized earlier for giving little while American firms here were donating generously toward another charity fund. On Monday Foreign Minister Chazali Shafie told reporters Britain could

not impress Malaysia by "offering this or that," but a change in attitude was required. They must appreciate "what we are doing and be sympathetic with what we are doing," he said.

Mahathir said the experiences of Japan and South Korea are relevant to Malaysia's expanding economy. At a dinner recently Mahathir urged Malaysians to follow the Japanese "work ethic." Mahathir told reporters that in its priorities with international groups, Malaysia would place the Common-

wealth and the Association of South East Asian Nations — comprising Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and Singapore — first, followed by the Organization of Islamic Conference.

Mahathir said the Commonwealth has so far been more talk than action, and Malaysian officials said that that was one reason why Mahathir did not attend the Commonwealth summit conference in Australia.

Mahathir's admiration for Japan and South Korea, officials said, was behind Tuesday's announcement by the Education Ministry directing institutions of higher learning to establish facilities to teach the Japanese and Korean languages so that Malaysian students can go to those countries.

The first batch of 100 students under the new program will begin studying Japanese at the Mara Institute of Technology here in February, and will depart for overseas study in July.

Mahathir said recently the work ethic has brought about industrial harmony in Japan and has generated worker esteem and loyalty to the employer, he said.

Gastroenteritis follows storm in Indian state

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16 (AP) — An outbreak of gastroenteritis and a drinking water scarcity were reported Tuesday after a severe hurricane and tidal wave that caused 148 deaths in India's Ganges River delta region, the United News of India reported.

The hurricane devastated 350 kms of coastline and islands last week stretching from Bangladesh through the Indian states of West Bengal and Orissa.

West Bengal Health Minister Nani Bhatnagar told reporters in Calcutta that the state government had rushed nine medical teams to the hurricane-ravaged areas to check the gastroenteritis and other epidemics.

U.N. scoffs at Ciskei freedom

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The United Nations Security Council has described the "so-called independence" of South Africa's Ciskei Bantustan (homeland) as totally invalid.

In a statement issued here Tuesday by Security Council President Olara Otunnu of Uganda, the council said that it did not recognize Ciskei's independence.

South Africa's move to grant the Bantustan paper independence on Dec. 4, following similar proclamations in the Bantustans of Transkei, Bophuthatswana and Venda, was "designed to divide and dispossess the African people and establish client states under

its domination," the statement said. The aim was to "perpetuate a class of foreign people in their own country," it added.

"The Security Council calls upon all governments to deny any form of recognition to the so-called 'independent' Bantustans, to refrain from any dealings with them, to reject travel documents issued by them, and urges governments of member states to take effective measures within their constitutional framework to discourage all individuals, corporations and other institutions under their jurisdiction from having any dealings with the so-called independent Bantustans," the statement concluded.

Sri Lankan emergency extended

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Sri Lankan government, citing the continued threat of inter-racial disturbances, has extended for a month the state of emergency declared Aug. 15 after riots shook the island nation.

Although there have been no incidents of any consequence in recent weeks, a government spokesman said Tuesday there was concern about a possible backlash to an attempt by a minority Tamil group in London to unilaterally declare the independence of the

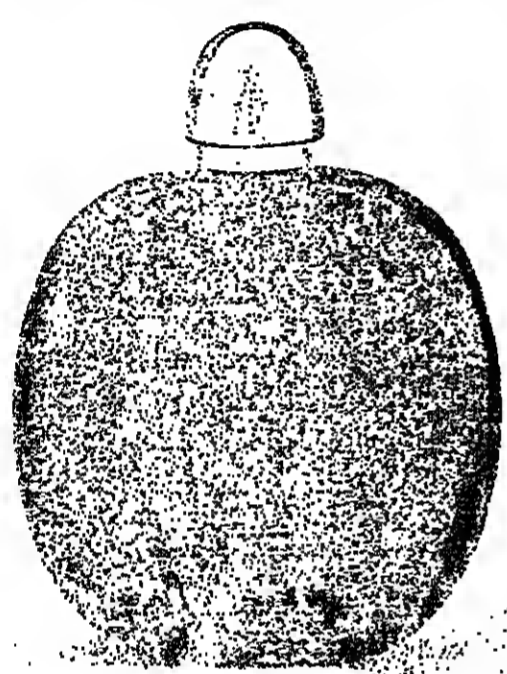
Tamil state of "Eelam" in northern Sri Lanka.

The Tamil United Liberation Front, the major political party of the Sri Lanka Tamils, has condemned the breakaway attempt as "ill advised" and said that it would not help the cause of the Tamil people "one wee bit."

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EEC, U.S. attitude to Third World exporters assailed

GENEVA, Dec. 16 (R) — Clothing exporters, retailers and consumer groups from Western Europe and the United States have attacked what they called protectionist policies by their governments in trade talks with Third World countries.

Some 33 organizations said in a statement Wednesday that proposals by the European Economic Community (EEC) to limit access of Third World textiles to European markets were "the worst possible response to current worldwide difficulties." Industrial recovery depended on international free trade, the statement said.

According to trade sources, and EEC proposals at talks held here in the 51-nation textiles committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) have made it uncertain whether a new international

agreement in textiles will replace the present one which expires on Dec. 31.

The U.S. negotiator at the talks said Tuesday he had instructions to "strengthen" U.S. proposals, which the sources said was likely to result in tougher terms being offered to Third World exporters.

The statement said European and American consumers were paying the price for protectionism in textile products. "With household budgets already strained by inflation, this hidden tax on clothing is an extra burden which falls most heavily on lower and fixed-income families, particularly those clothing young children," it said.

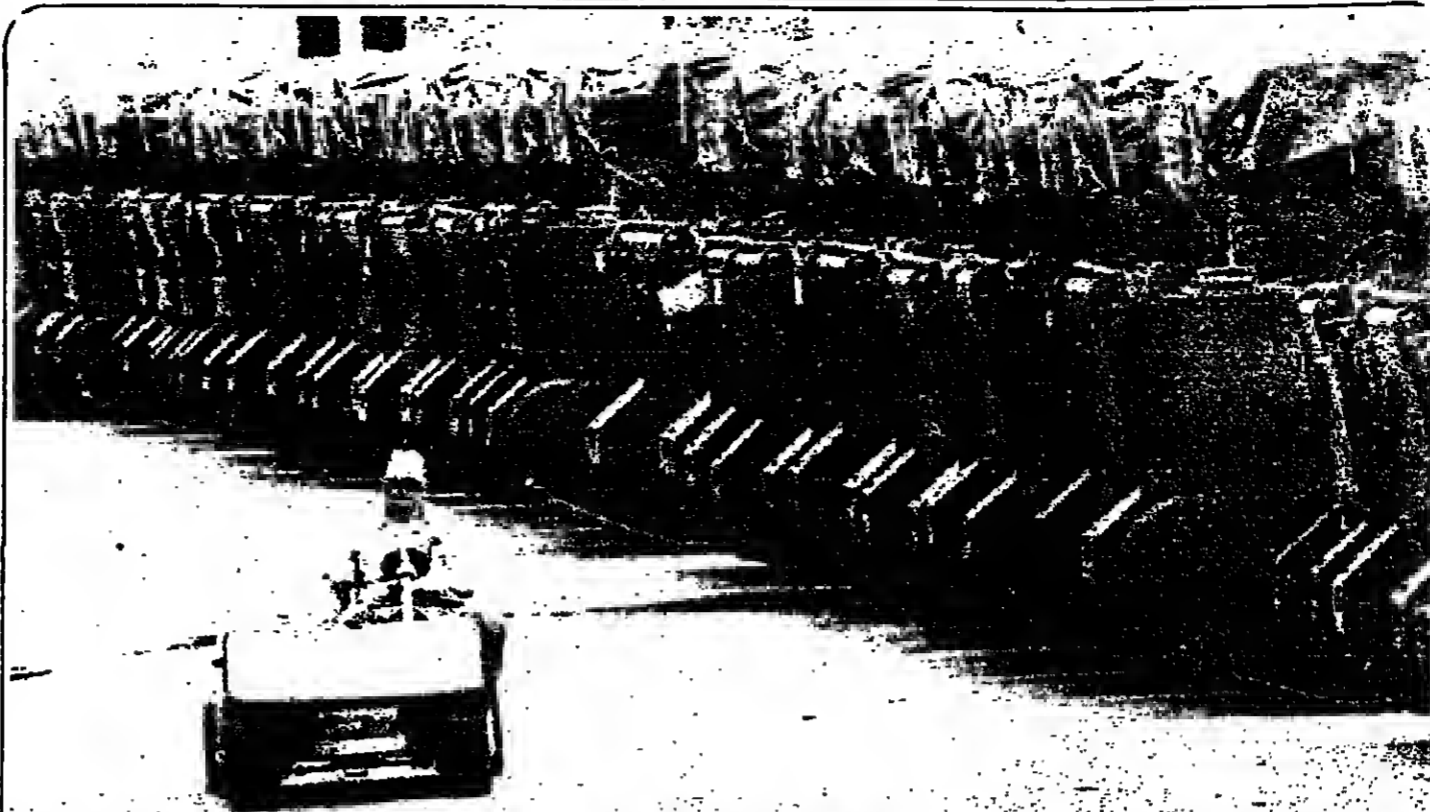
Peter Handal, chairman of the U.S. textile and apparel group, said the problems of Western textile industries were due to failure to rationalize, and not to foreign imports.

U.S. permits two new exchanges to trade in Eurodollar futures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Chicago Board of Trade and the New York Futures Exchange have been given U.S. government permission to trade in Eurodollar futures contracts.

The action by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Tuesday brings to three the number of U.S. exchanges designated as a contract market to trade futures contracts in Eurodollar time deposit rates. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange began trading in Eurodollar futures last Wednesday, a day after it won government approval to be a contract market. No date has been set for either the Chicago Board of Trade or the New York Futures Exchange to start trading.

Eurodollars are dollars deposited in European banks and in foreign branches of U.S. banks. A futures contract is a commitment to deliver or receive a commodity or security at a specified future date, at a specified price. An agreement reached last week between the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission paved the way for approval of the Eurodollar trading in the United States. The three-month Eurodollar time deposit futures contract carries a face value of \$1 million. An investor must buy or sell a contract based on the interest paid on \$1 million deposited for three months in a London bank.



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Funds provided till March U.S. Congress votes compromise budget

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (R) — President Reagan has signed a compromise budget resolution which will keep the U.S. federal government running until March 31 next year.

"The control of government spending, reducing inflationary expectations, restoring jobs, growth and prosperity for Americans is a slow and difficult process," the president said at a bill-signing ceremony in the Oval Office. He called the congressional resolu-

tion a "significant step" in improving the nation's recession-battered economy.

The measure provides for \$4 billion in additional budget cuts for the 1982 financial year over and above \$35 billion in cuts approved by Congress last summer. The president had originally asked for an additional \$8 billion in cuts.

Reagan vetoed the first budget resolution sent to him by Congress, which provided only \$2 billion in savings, causing a one-day shutdown of the federal government Nov. 23. Without funds because of the veto, government agencies began sending workers on leave and closing down operations.

Congress the same day hastily passed a

stopgap bill providing funds for the government to operate until Dec. 15, and worked out the compromise which Reagan signed Tuesday.

Reagan also signed special financing legislation for the \$43 million Alaska natural gas pipeline, the world's largest private construction project.

The House of Representatives gave final approval to the package Thursday after supporters swept aside legal and policy objections. The measure, originally proposed by Reagan in October, exempted the pipeline from several anti-trust and pricing laws and in a concession to the financial community, could require customers to start paying of billions of dollars in construction loans.

China to levy fines on overdue taxes

PEKING, Dec. 16 (AP) — China's new income tax on foreign companies in China will take effect Jan. 1 and impose a penalty of 1.5 percent a day on overdue taxes, the official Xinhua News Agency said Wednesday.

Xinhua distributed a "tentative translation" of the law passed Sunday by the National People's Congress. It provides for a fine of up to five times the amount of tax due on companies that evade taxes or refuse to pay. In case of disputes, the law says, companies must pay first before applying for reconsideration. If they do not accept tax

3.9% growth forecast for Japan's economy

TOKYO, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The Japanese economy will grow by 3.9 percent in real terms next year, with a moderate recovery in domestic demand, the independent Nomura Research Institute forecast here Tuesday.

It said that individual consumption, housing, production and corporate investment would all gradually pick up. But the institute said exports would slacken significantly because of the hardening of the Yen.

France gets \$46m ECU loan for Euratom

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The First European Currency Unit (ECU) loan of 42 million ECU's (about \$46 million) will go to the French atomic agency Euratom, a European commission source said here Tuesday. The 15-year loan, which carries interest at 14 percent, was placed entirely by the Banca Commerciale Italiana de Milan. It will be used to finance, and at Montalto di Castro, Italy.

Jordanian Airlines to open new routes

AMMAN, Dec. 16 (R) — The Royal Jordanian Airlines Alia plans to expand its operations next year to include Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Manila in the Far East, Istanbul in Europe, and Rio de Janeiro in Latin America, its President Ali Ghandour told a press conference Tuesday.

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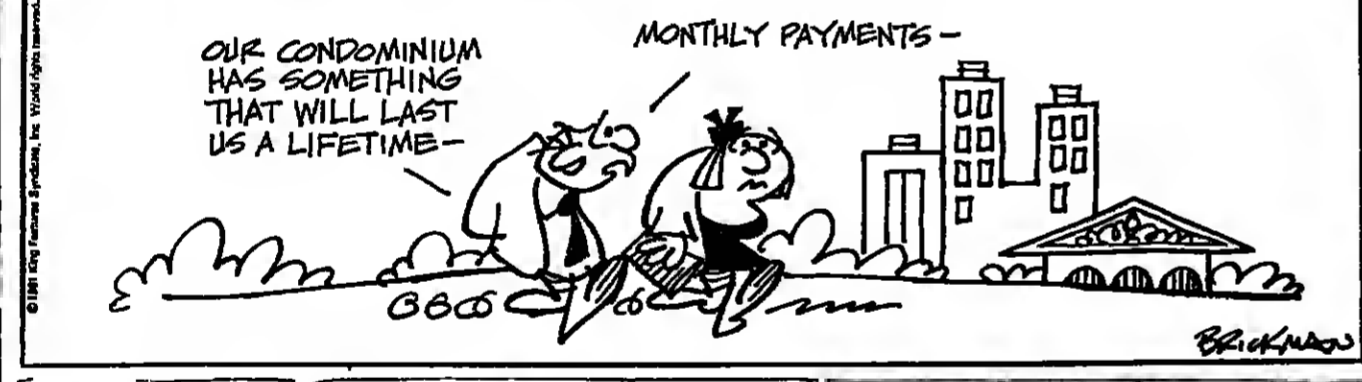
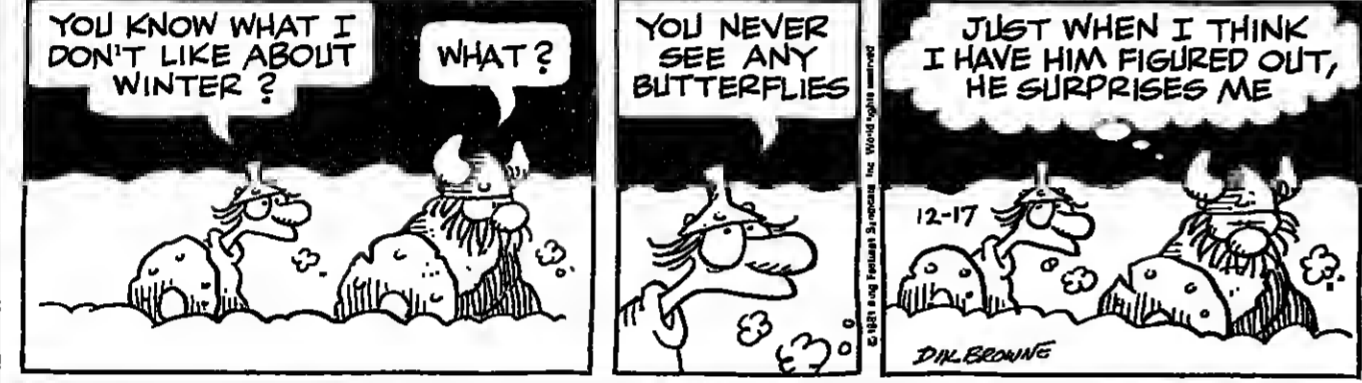
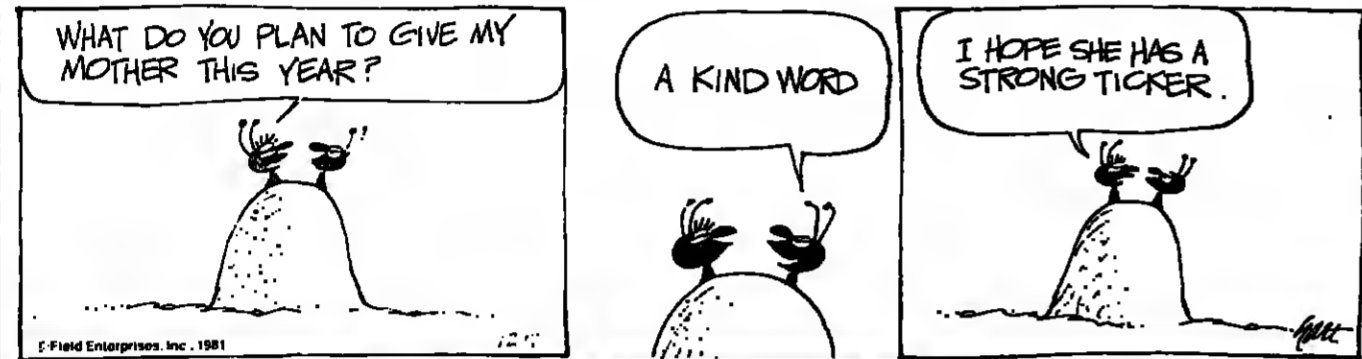


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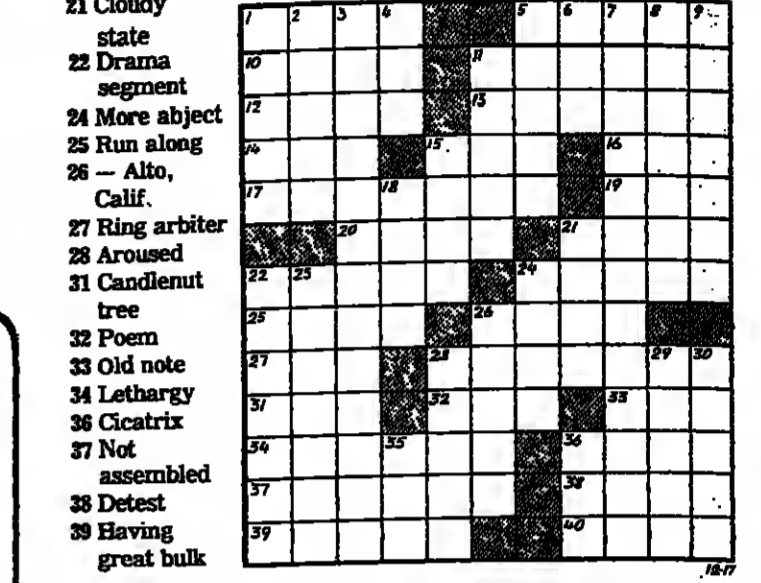
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Radio claims calm

Striking Poles said clashing with army

VIENNA, Dec. 16 (R) — Violent clashes between workers and strike-breaking military authorities were reported from Poland Wednesday but Warsaw radio insisted the country was calm and generally hard at work.

Reports reaching Western diplomats in Bonn said water cannon and baton charges were used against supporters of the Solidarity free trade union by army authorities administering the martial law imposed Sunday. The diplomats said troops and police were brought in to break strikes in Warsaw, Katowice and Gdansk, where there were unconfirmed reports of violence when soldiers moved in to clear the shipyards.

A British businessman arriving in Vienna from southern Poland said that baton-wielding troops attacked a crowd of women outside a barricaded steel mill in Katowice. Several women had their arms broken. The businessman said tanks were apparently used by the authorities in an unsuccessful attempt to break through the barricades at the steel works.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said the Polish military had crushed strike attempts in the Baltic ports of Gdansk and Szczecin and the southern industrial town of Wroclaw. At the same time, *Pravda*, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper,

declared that the imposition of martial law had given Poland a chance to solve its problems.

Polish-born Pope John Paul, meanwhile, appealed to the people of his Communist-ruled homeland to return to the road of renewal and dialogue, saying the task was not easy but not impossible. And French President Francois Mitterrand, in a statement to his cabinet, strongly condemned what he called the loss of public and individual freedom in Poland.

Warsaw radio, the voice of Poland's military rulers, portrayed the country as calm and listed a range of communities where it said work was going on normally. Poland's Soviet bloc allies stressed their approval of the drastic military action to restore order in the country and accused the West of responding with blackmail and hypocrisy.

The reports reaching diplomats in Bonn said Polish troops were apparently under orders not to open fire on strikers. No shooting incidents had been recorded since Sunday's crackdown on Solidarity and the detention of many union leaders. Other reports received in London said more than 5,000 persons had been arrested in the military drive designed to reassert Communist authority after months of industrial unrest.

Moscow calls Socialist summit

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AFP) — A summit of all Socialist — Bloc countries will be held Friday, the day before Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's 75th birthday Dec. 19. East European sources here said Wednesday.

The summit was originally scheduled to begin Saturday and may have been moved up because of events in Poland. Hungarian sources reported that Hungarian Communist Party Secretary Kanas Kadar was travelling to Moscow by train and should arrive Thursday.

No other names of officials attending the summit were announced and it was unknown if Poland would be represented at the summit.

Soviet Germans allowed to leave

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (R) — Soviet authorities have allowed a sharp increase in emigration by ethnic Germans following President Leonid Brezhnev's visit to Bonn last month, West German officials said Wednesday.

The number of Soviet Germans given visas to leave for West Germany in November was 62, the lowest monthly figure for more than a decade. But the officials said there had already been a "very sharp upward trend" in the first half of this month and the December total was expected to run into several hundreds.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt raised the question of ethnic German emigration during his talks with Brezhnev last month and urged Moscow to grant more exit visas.

Nearly two million Germans live in the Soviet Union, mostly spread across central Asian regions where they were banished during World War II. More than 100,000 have applied to emigrate to West Germany.

Annual emigration totals averaged more than 9,000 during the mid-1970s but the 1981 figure is expected to be less than 4,000. The Germans make up the second biggest group of emigrants after the Soviet Jews.

94 die in floods

BRASILIA, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Ninety-four persons have died and a reported 2,858 are homeless in the state of Rio De Janeiro after heavy rains unleashed floods and mudslides over the past two weeks, civil defense officials said here Wednesday. Many of the dead were the victims of accidents on roads treacherously slippery from mud. In the city of Rio, more than 1,200 persons were reported homeless.



GET OFF! Animals, just like humans, have their likes and dislikes. An affectionate little seal wants to be friends, but the elephant seal has other ideas and doesn't appreciate having someone walk on his back. So, he barks to say "hey I get off my back!" The peculiar situation is seen at an Yorkshire zoo, England, where both animals share a pool.

S.Africans remember battle

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Afrikans and black radicals Wednesday commemorated the 143rd anniversary of the Battle of Blood River, but each group marked the day in different ways and for widely different reasons.

This date illustrates better than any other the growing polarization of South African society.

For the three million white Afrikans, the descendants of the first Dutch, German and Huguenot settlers, Dec. 16 is the day of the covenant. It is a reminder of the victory of the Voortrekker Andries Pretorius over the proud and valiant Zulu warriors of King Dingaan.

On Dec. 15, 1838, on the eve of this decisive battle (in which the Boers killed more than 3,000 Zulus without losing a single man), Pretorius vowed that the following day would be a day of thanksgiving in the event of victory.

Since then the day of the covenant has been celebrated with fervor each year by the country's "white tribe", and belongs to the great dates in the history of the Afrikaner people, ranking with their 1948 election victory over English-speaking white South Africans.

With a few exceptions the one and a half million English-speaking whites have never actively taken part in the celebrations.

The extreme-right, which has been very active since last April's elections, Wednesday organized several public meetings, including one at the Voortrekker monument near Pretoria.

The verbal and physical violence of some groups, such as Jaap Marais' Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) or Eugene Terreblanche's Afrikaer Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) has led to fears that there might be trouble. A few weeks ago the AWB said that it would be bringing out its notorious stormvalke (stormhawks) brigade of black-attired motorcyclists.

On the other side of South Africa's political arena the black radicals celebrated heroes' day, a day of remembrance for Dingaan, but also for more recent victims of apartheid.

In Soweto, the largest black town with a population of about 1.5 million, religious services were held in spite of a ban by the "municipal council".

Steve Biko, the renowned leader of the black consciousness movement who died in police detention in September 1977, Hector Peterson, the first schoolboy shot dead by police in 1976 and Robert Sobukwe, the founder of the banned Pan African Congress who died in 1978, were among the many black heroes remembered during the ceremonies.

Snowstorm hits U.S.; schools shut

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17 (AP) The second big snowstorm of the week hit the urban northeastern area of the United States Wednesday with foot-deep snows that closed hundreds of schools as 160 kph winds tore across Idaho and Utah, tossing trees into power lines.

The pacific northwest got its first major snowstorm of the season, with 14 inches piling up in parts of Washington. The National Weather Service said still another storm would bring more snow from the west central plains into the mid-Mississippi valley.

Snow built at least 12 inches deep across

The flooding was worsened by gale-driven high tides earlier that burst through seawalls in coastal towns earlier this week, left a trail of devastation. The national farmers' union said thousands of head of cattle, sheep and pigs perished.

northern New Jersey, upstate New York and into New England. Western Maryland got 8 inches of new snow, with cities such as New York City and Philadelphia getting smaller amounts.

Washington, D.C. got its first measurable snow of the year and several public school systems in the nation's capital shut down. There were numerous reports of snowstorm-related fatalities.

The western storm Tuesday dumped as much as a foot of snow in the Colorado mountains and the northern cascades of Oregon and caused Oregon's rivers to rise toward flood stage.

Blizzards black out U.K. homes

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP) — Helicopters carrying electricity repair crews fanned out across southwest England and Wales Wednesday to restore power to 65,000 homes still cut off four days after blizzards and hurricane-force winds battered the region.

The death toll from Britain's worst December storm since 1930 rose to at least 27 since the blizzards began eight days ago, officials reported. Although the weather was

Jawara, Diouf to sign treaty on federation

DAKAR, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Gambian President Sir Dawda Jawara is expected here Thursday to sign a treaty setting up the new federation of Senegambia with Senegal.

An agreement in principle to establish the federation was signed a month ago when Senegalese President Abdou Diouf visited the Gambian capital of Banjul, where Senegalese troops put down a coup attempt against the Gambian government on July 30 at Sir Dawda's invitation.

Under the agreement Senegal and Gambia will have joint armed forces, foreign policy and communications, and economic and monetary union. President Diouf would become president of the federation and Sir Dawda vice president.

A "merger" between Senegal and Gambia was recommended by a United Nations mission in 1965, given the geographical situation of the former British colony of Gambia, which stretches up the Gambia River from the west coast and almost cuts French-speaking Senegal in two. Both countries have the same ethnic population.

Malta opposition 'gets' more votes

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec. 16 (AP) — Nationalist Party leader Eddie Fenech Adami said that although the Malta Labor Party got 34 of the 65 seats in Saturday general election, his party had obtained 51 per cent of the votes.

He told a press conference at party headquarters that since his party got the majority of votes, Labor leader Dom Mintoff should not accept a mandate to form a new government.

Fenech Adami said the Nationalists would now act according to the Labor Party's reaction when Mintoff is called by the president to form a new government.

Fenech Adami said his party had obtained over 4,000 votes more than the Labor Party. "It is evident that the Maltese people have chosen the Nationalist Party program and cast aside that of the Labor Party," Fenech Adami said.

He attributed the creation of a situation where one party had such a majority of votes and loss of seats to jerry-mandering in the revision of electoral boundaries and recalled that the Nationalists had objected to such changes in February.

Election officials said there was no delay in counting the votes. In the 1976 elections, it took two days to count the ballots and there were 30,000 more voters this time.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

It doesn't mesh; it gets usually nowhere; it goes this way and that like ping-pong conversation, I mean, that art of non-communication. You tell me your story and I'll cap it. I'll trump it. I'll turn it inside out and present back to you. So this happened to you and you call it bad? Well, just listen to what happened to me.

The man perhaps wanted some solace from you, or advice. But no! He gets back the same story with a cherry on top. To wait for a meaning to unfold, to listen carefully then give a reasoned answer, or perhaps a witty one, that's beyond most people. Even silence, at times, is a real and sufficient answer. But how many can stay silent?

There was that man going on against his friend. "It's all wrong. I tell you," he was saying. "You failed because you mishandled it from the start." The friend tries to respond. "Look at the facts," first, he says, "you can't really judge without the facts." "You listen to what I'm telling you," the other says, "and don't confuse me with facts!" That's it. The essence of conversation; just get it off your chest. Never mind about the facts.

Harry Truman, once president of the United States, told a friend of his once that no one ever listens to what you tell them at parties. They don't pay attention to names as people introduce themselves. They don't allow what you say to sink in. All they do is smile at you when you smile and murmur something when you murmur.

His friend disagreed. "An exaggeration, surely, Mr. President." So Truman demonstrated the fact. He stood at the reception shaking hands with everyone and saying, "I just killed my grandma." To which everyone smiled absently and said things like "how nice" and "I hope you're well."

All except one. The last social animal around. Who said "she must've deserved it."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Brezhnev seeks 'equal' U.S. ties

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev told American business magnate Armand Hammer here Wednesday that the sole basis possible for Soviet-U.S. relations was "complete equality" and "strict observance of the principle of identical security," radio Moscow reported.

At a Kremlin meeting, Brezhnev told Occidental Petroleum chief Hammer that he appreciated "in a positive way" the start of Soviet-American talks in Geneva on nuclear arms limitation to Europe, the radio said.

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